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# Board passes resolution to honor Moore

By John Strubelt  
*Collegian Editor*

Wayne Moore's tenure as vice president for Administration and Partnership Affairs officially came to an end as the Southwest Union Junior College District board of trustees approved a resolution to honor him.

The resolution, passed at the board's Jan. 31 meeting, was read by Board Chair Mary Rose Cardenas. An excerpt from the resolution reads: "He was profoundly instrumental in the creation of the groundbreaking agreement between Texas Southmost College and the University of Texas System that established the University

of Texas at Brownsville partnership with Texas Southmost College. ... His leadership has been instrumental in transforming the landscape of the campus with the construction of beautiful facilities and the implementation of a master plan for picturesque grounds; and whereas throughout his service he has [been] committed in

heart and spirit to the mission of our community university and to the people of this district."

Moore thanked the many people who have had an impact on his career over the years and received an ovation from the crowd.

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## Project hopes for a better Buena Vida for residents

By A.D. Rocha  
*Staff Writer*

UTB/TSC and the City of Brownsville have become partners in an effort to revitalize one of Brownsville's oldest areas, the Buena Vida/Old Town Neighborhood.

On Jan. 31, university and city officials announced they had received a grant of \$399,000 from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Community Outreach Partnership Centers for the joint project.

"This is the first time that we have a university-sponsored community outreach program," said Father Armand Mathew, director of the Center for Civic Engagement. "The grant is a diamond gift in this university's diamond anniversary."

The Center for Civic Engagement was created to encourage community involvement, and through this, improve other deficient aspects of the neighborhood as well. By providing leadership workshops, skills development seminars and educational opportunities for the community, the center expects to develop a better quality of life for the Buena Vida residents.

"The grant focuses on three key areas: civic engagement, project for leadership training and revitalization of the Buena Vida/Old Town neighborhood," project coordinator Rodolfo Guerra said.



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University and city officials as well as residents pose with the \$399,000 "check" from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that will be used to revitalize the Buena Vida neighborhood. Holding the check are Lucia Hernandez (from left), Brownsville Mayor Blanca Vela, Southmost Union Junior District College board chair Mary Rose Cardenas, Associate Professor Ana Miller and Good Neighbor Settlement House Director Mary Rangel.

Mary Rangel, director of the Good Neighbor Settlement House, also welcomed the grant.

"During my four-year tenure as director of the Good Neighbor Settlement House, I have continued to nurture my dream of improving housing conditions in this neighbor-

hood," said Rangel. "I have shared this concern with personnel from the City of Brownsville and others. This dream was dampened when I learned that approximately 80 percent of the dwellings in this neighborhood were

## Clubs on hunt for \$1,000

By Ysenia Bazaldúa  
*Staff Writer*

Do you have a monkey, a wartime ration card, "Thundercats" action figures? These items could make your student organization \$1,000 richer if you signed up to play in the Office of Student Activities' Scavenger Hunt game on Feb. 1.

The game consists of a list of items, questions and tasks worth a certain amount of points and the rules of the game are simple. Hunt and scavenge for listed items and if your team collects the most, you win. Participants have two weeks to collect their items. The items and points will be deposited and tallied at 10 a.m. Saturday. A team of judges will make the final decision. The game is not about collecting all the items but rather collecting more points than the opposing teams.

Students who registered to play must work in a team to gather the listed items.

Vince Solis, director of Student Activities, said such contests, or programs, are set up to help student organizations get some funding for their budgets.

"Whoever wins this, wins it for their organization's budget," Solis said.

Nineteen organizations signed up for

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## On Campus

### Briefs

The **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program**, sponsored by the Accounting Society and Paula Garcia, will offer free tax assistance and electronic filing services from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and from 3 to 7 p.m. on Fridays in Rutberg Rooms 210 and 166. The services end April 15. For more information, visit the organization's Web site at <http://emaint.uth.edu/actco-society/vita.htm>.

The **Learning Assistance Center** will conduct the following Study Skill Workshops this week: "Improve Your Memory," 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, and "Test-Taking Tips," 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday. Both workshops will be in North Hall 123. No pre-registration is necessary. For more information, call the center at 544-8208.

Larkin Spivey, a retired lieutenant colonel with the U.S. Marine Corps and Vietnam veteran, will talk about God and war on the radio program "Society Under Fire," which airs at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and 1:30 p.m. Sunday on KMBH-FM (88.9). Spivey is the author of "God in the Trenches: A History of How God Defends Freedom When America Is at War." David Pearson, associate professor of Social Sciences, hosts the show.

The **Scorpion Democrats** need volunteers for the March 12 primary elections. For more information, call Nick Cerdova at 550-0105 or send him an e-mail at [nickc18@hotmail.com](mailto:nickc18@hotmail.com), or call Amy Davila at 551-1718. Entries for the Martin Luther King Jr. essay contest are due at noon Feb. 20 in SET-B 2454, the Mathematics Department office. The contest is open to UTH/TSC students. Essay winners will be announced on Feb. 27 at the essay contest program. The topic for this year's essay is "Racism is declining in America, but class divisions remain."

Defend or oppose. The paper should be two typed, double-spaced pages with at least two sources. For more information, contact Delaria Nance-Davis at 574-6636 or Jeffrey Coleman at 554-5045.

The **Office of Human Resources** is seeking volun-

teers to assist with the planning and implementation of the **Seck Hop** (A '50s Kind of Dance), the concluding celebration event of the Anniversary Homecoming Week. If interested, call Amanda Fulho at 593-7067 or send an e-mail to [afulho@tpu.edu](mailto:afulho@tpu.edu).

Students interested in the **CBS News Internship Program** should submit a resume, an essay on what you feel the value of an internship with CBS News would be, two letters of recommendation, college transcripts, and a letter from the college confirming that you will receive course credit for the internship to: Eldra Rodriguez Gillman, CBS News, 2020 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036-3304. Applicants must be attending an accredited college on a full-time basis, entering their junior or senior years, and be majoring in journalism. The deadline for a summer internship is Feb. 28.

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The **Brownsville Association for the Education of Young Children (BAEYC)** Conference will be held April 13 at SET-B. Pre-registration deadline is April 6. The cost is \$40. On-site registration is \$50. For more information about BAEYC, call 982-1756. For information on how to become a member, call Virginia Ortiz at 542-6012 or Ida Garza at 350-8136.

Students who wish to be considered for summer financial assistance should come by the **Financial Aid Office** to complete a summer request form. There will be limited grant aid available, in addition to Pell, CWS and Student Loans. The priority deadline is March 7.

## Restaurant space in Student Center will stay empty

By Josie Chávez  
Staff Writer

A sandwich and a soft drink are hard to find on the northwest end of campus, now that Subway is gone from the Student Center.

Subway's service ended last semester due to the expected opening of the new Student Union, which was planned for last month.

"[Subway's] contract had a clause in it that [university officials] could end that contract with certain amount of notice and we ended it because the old Student Union is no longer going to be opened," said Wayne Moore, special assistant to the president and an English professor.

Unfortunately, the new Student Union has not been completed, leaving students with no food choice on cam-

pus except U-Mix, located in the UTH/TSC Bookstore on the southeast end of campus, and an empty concession stand that once housed Subway and provided many students, staff, faculty and university visitors with a much-desired meal.

Some students, such as Guadalupe Rodriguez, an education major, said they don't like the fact that they don't have many choices on campus.

"I go to U-Mix or [off campus to] McDonald's," Rodriguez said. "I think they did wrong closing The Little Apple and Subway, because that's where I usually ate. I do go to U-Mix and the food is good, but it's very expensive, so instead I just go to McDonald's."

Other students, such as freshman computer science

major Argeño Herrera, prefer to eat at home before coming to campus.

On the bright side, a dedication ceremony for the new Student Union is set for April 15, which means that the university population will finally have a choice of food at walking distance.

"I'm very excited about the new Student Union and the food choices we're going to have there, and everything else," Moore said. "It will have indoor areas to eat and very large outdoor areas under the covered patio. ... I really encourage students to go by and try the new food venues and to continue to use the U-Mix because I think it's an improvement over the food venue we used to have there," Moore said.

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## Mission: Impossible, Mission: Complete

Ysenia Bazaldúa  
Staff Writer

Free pizza and anxiety filled the Student Center Feb. 1 as the remaining contestants of Student Activities' long-running "Mission Impossible" tag game met for a final duel and the \$500 prize.

The spy-themed Internet Nerf battle wound up Feb. 13 weeks after Oct. 22 of last year. More than 200 students participated but only about 10 students survived the final round of the game. The prize was not going to be split 10 ways either.

Student Activities Director Vince Solis organized the final elimination process. Instead of having the remaining agents run wild with Nerf guns in a last hurrah of foam darts and foolery, he organized a meeting with food and classic dueling. Student agents were gathered at the Student Center, given the rules of the game and then set

to dueling.

To keep in the spirit of the spy theme behind the game, students were called upon by their code names. Names like "Lipps Too Sexy," "Don," "Gabriel," and "Cilco" were called on. They then were handed Nerf guns and put back to back. At the judge's call, each was to take three paces forward, turn and fire.

The activity was reminiscent of either Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr or Bugs Bunny and Yosemite Sam, depending on your take of historical duels.

Some of the duels were conducted in a matter of seconds while others lasted long enough to have agents run around and reload for more tags. Getting tagged with the foam dart did not always stump out the player. Some of the players were eliminated for getting out of the specified boundary lines. Part of the duel rules meant staying within the dueling box.

The students cheered for their favorite agents and stuck around to see who won in the end.

Rudy Montoya of the Catholic Campus Ministry eliminated the competition. He was able to skillfully win three rounds. He and his team were the proud winners of the \$500 check.

Hilda Escandon, who was Agent "Squirrel Bait" and is a member of the ministry, said that early in the game their team had decided that the person who won the game was going to do whatever they wanted with it.

"I'm going to share my winnings with Campus Ministry," Montoya said.

The Catholic Campus Ministry was happy with the prize, and especially pleased with the oversized paper check they were presented with.

"We're going to put this check up at the center," Escandon said. "Lots of people



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Leonel Castro (left), sophomore chemistry major, prepares to square off against Jose Hinojosa, sophomore mechanical engineering major, during the final for Student Activities' "Mission: Impossible" tag game Feb. 1 in the Student Center.

will be able to see it."

Ironically, the one thing people did not get to see was the coveted Mystery Agent. Tugging the mystery agent alone was worth \$50. According to Solis, no one won that prize. Nobody guessed it was The Collegian's own Student Publications Coordinator

Azenett Cornejo. The Collegian staff had no comment on this matter at press time.

The campus should be free of foam darts for the moment, but students should expect to find more activities to participate in this semester. The campus' mission is not over in that department.

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## Black History Month Activities

Following are the Black History Month activities scheduled on campus:

**Noon today:** "The Brownsville Raid," a movie presented by Jeffrey Coleman, lecturer of Mathematics, in the SET-B Lecture Hall.

**7 p.m. Friday:** "The Keeper," a movie presented by Lidia Diaz, assistant professor of Modern Languages, in SET-B 2.548.

**3 p.m. Feb. 21:** "A Lesson Learned from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Resolving Conflict Peacefully," a lecture by Ethel Cantu, associate professor of Behavioral Sciences, in the third-floor conference room of SET-B.

**6 p.m. Feb. 22:** Poetry reading, book presentation and a performance by guitarist Juan Rodriguez.

**6 p.m. Feb. 26:** Martin Luther King Essay Contest, presented by Coleman and Deloria Nanz-Davis, chair of the Mathematics Department, and a performance by Country Soul Music in the SET-B Lecture Hall.



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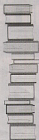
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the hunt, including the Chess Club, Catholic Campus Ministry, Anime Club, The Collegian Press Club and Student Government Association.

"I'm really psyched about the competition," said Patricia "Azou" Sanchez, a junior chemistry major and vice president of Students Toward Excellence in Medicine. "We're going to win."

Solis said the odds of teams winning increase with the number of its team members.

"The bigger the team, the better your chances," he said. "Each team must have at least three members of each sex. The team can have three guys and three girls or upward."

Unlike other hunts, this contest is divided into three different categories to test its participants' skill and ingenuity. The categories are "Items to Gather," "Trivia Questions for Your Team to Answer" and "UTB/TSC People."

"The hunters will find themselves rummaging through

rare objects, or "useless information." Items range from the obvious to the absurd, as do the points they are valued at. Moldy cheese will get you three points, a working VCR with tape is worth 40 points and a live monkey could get you 200 points.

Each item on the list counts only once for its point value. The movie buff of the team will shine when he or she names all six actors that played James Bond or names props on such cinema classics as "Star Wars" and "Conan the Barbarian." Teams have various riddles to solve and outrageous tasks involving the participation of UTB/TSC staff members to get for points.

This scavenger list is not easy, after all, how many professors are willing to bare their chests or even attend the contest?

"If you can get them to do these things they can be worth a lot of points, and it should be fun to see," Solis said.

He said participants are going to have to be really savvy.

"Some of the items are difficult to acquire," Solis said. "It

is a myriad of items. I just put them there because they are worth a lot of points. If you get these you will win. Who could get a real-live monkey? Odds are no one is going to get that!"

The list of items was passed out at the meeting but it can also be found on the Web at <http://www.sa.uth.edu/Struct/scavengerhunt.htm>. Scavengers are encouraged to collect as many items as possible as long as they do so fairly and legally. Some of the items can be purchased if team members decide to do so, but by no means should any item be stolen. As with all activities held on campus it follows the same code of rules of the student handbook.

Solis suggest students use their best judgment and follow rules of school conduct. For the most part, the Scavenger hunt is part of the campus' goal to get its students involved in school activities.

Amid the search for Tiburocio, Garbage Pail Kid cards, lyrics to "Louie Louie" and other rarities, participants are sure to find some fun.

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to have there," Moore said.

Restaurants that will offer their services in the new Student Union are "the Italian Express that's at the mall and the Great Steak and Potato," Moore said.

The other food concession stand will serve "Mexican food, salads, plate lunches, that sort of thing," he said.

Although university officials know what the restaurant will serve, the stand has not yet been named.

Several ideas for a future use of the current Student Center have been mentioned, but no final decision has been made.

"We don't know what exactly [the current Student Center will be], but we have plans to use it for other student functions, maybe a computer lab," Moore said. "It could become offices for Student Activities or Student Affairs. It could become part of the library, we're not sure what we're going to do with the old Student Union."

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## Board

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Moore's new position is special assistant to the president and professor of English.

In other business, Dawn Rodrigues, professor of English and Speech, and Paula Parsons, professor of Curriculum and Instruction, briefed the board about the Sabal Palms Writing Project. The Sabal Palms Writing Project is Brownsville's branch of the National Writing Project, a network of programs dedicated to the improvement of the teaching of writing.

"[The National Writing Project] began in 1976 when there was very little professional development in teaching writing," Rodrigues said. "So James Gray at the University of California-Berkeley happened to work with the public schools and he knew quite a few good teachers and he thought, 'I'll bet that if I get them together—they're excellent teachers anyway if they get together and teach one another their best lessons, then they can go out to the schools and they can teach their colleagues.' They were so successful that they were able to then go ahead and get [National Endowment for the Arts] grants and invite teachers from different states to follow the same model."

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—Change can best be accomplished by local teachers, not transient consultants or pre-packaged materials.

"Here we are many years later and [the National Writing Project] is still alive and it's doing well," Rodrigues said.

In other business, the Business Affairs Partnership Committee recommended that the board approve a bid of \$142,029 for an audio-visual system for the new Student Union, which Trustee David Oliveira said is comparable to the system in SET-B. The board approved the recommendation.

The board also approved two performances for the Jacob Brown Auditorium in the near future. The board agreed to pay \$33,500 for the ice ballet "Romeo and Juliet on Ice" and \$32,000 for a rendition of the Broadway musical "Annie Get Your Gun." "Romeo and Juliet on Ice" will be performed March 5 and "Annie Get Your Gun" on April 16.

Finally, the board named District Comptroller Pat Celaya as its agent to enter into negotiations to contract with the Cameron County elections administrator to conduct election services during district elections on May 4.

## Club Spotlight

**Name:** Student Activities Programming Board (SAPB).

**Purpose:** SAPB exists to create, plan and implement various activities and events for the campus community and community at large. SAPB conducts projects in various areas of interest such as minority and international awareness, the fine arts, film, entertainment, and social and political issues. Most importantly, it gives students the opportunity to gain a leadership role and experience.

**Sponsor:** Vince Solis.

**President:** Georgetown Betancourt.

**Vice president:** Ceci Garza.

**Secretary:** Erika Rodriguez.

**Treasurer:** Ralph Delgado.

**Events:** Join-a-Club Day, Mr. Amigo, Bougainvillea.

**Meets:** At 1 p.m. every Wednesday in the Student Activities Office.

**For more information, contact:** Betancourt at geob81@hotmail.com or Garza at cecigarza@hotmail.com, or visit the Student Activities Office.

—Compiled by Josie Chávez



ALAN RODRIGUEZ

**Members of the Student Activities Programming Board include (from left) Arturo Abarado; Georgetown Betancourt, president; Eric Morales; Ceci Garza, vice president; and Ralph Delgado, treasurer.**

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rental properties. It is my hope that this grant will provide a vehicle to address the renters' situation."

Rangel said the settlement house will provide use of its building for the project.

"This grant will help Good Neighbor come full circle to once again concentrate on the needs of the people in our immediate neighborhood," Rangel said, referring to the Good Neighbor's original purpose nearly 50 years ago to provide educational skills to women and children in the area, "thus taking care of the basic needs of this community."

Revitalization of the neighborhood will also involve public safety and greening initiatives that address criminal and environmental concerns.

Guerra said local law enforcement agencies and students, staff and faculty of the university's Criminal Justice Department will help residents in implementing programs, such as Neighborhood Watch and related youth activities, that will target public safety issues and improve the rapport with law enforcement.

Other public safety issues,

such as overgrown lots and abandoned buildings, will also be dealt with through the greening initiative, according to a news release from the university. This part of the grant will further community involvement by creating a healthy environment in addition to beautifying the area. Besides gardening and greening workshops, residents will have access to trees, shrubs and plants; and a half-acre lot, in front of the federal courthouse, has been assigned by the City of Brownsville as a part of this greening strategy.

In order to encourage civic pride and to propagate the historical aspects of the neighborhood, local schools—including the university—will organize oral presentations and distribute media, such as videos, paintings and photo journals.

The work that will bring to fruition these objectives will be voluntary and as required, funded by stipends.

The university will coordinate some areas of the project to course objectives.

Also introducing the formation of the Center for Civic Engagement were UTB/TSC President Juliet V. Garcia, Brownsville Mayor Blanca S. Vela and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs José Martín.

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## La mesa directiva honra a Moore

Por John Strubelt

Editor de El Collegian

El trabajo de Wayne Moore como vicedirector de Administración y Asuntos de Sociedad se terminó oficialmente cuando la mesa directiva del Distrito del Colegio Texas Southmost aprobó una resolución para honrarlo.

La resolución, aprobada en la junta del concejo de febrero 1, fue leída por Mary Rose Cárdenas, presidenta del concejo. Un extracto de la resolución dice: "El fue profundamente instrumental en el inicio de la creación del acuerdo entre el Colegio Texas Southmost y el Sistema de la Universidad de Texas que estableció la sociedad entre la Universidad de Texas en Brownsville con el Colegio Texas Southmost... Su liderazgo ha sido instrumental en transformar la fachada del campus con la construc-

ción de hermosos edificios y la implementación de un plan maestro para gradados de fotografía; y a través de su servicio él se ha comprometido en cuerpo y alma a la misión de nuestra universidad comunitaria y a la gente de este distrito".

Moore le agradeció a tanta gente que ha tenido un impacto en su carrera a través de los años y recibió una ovación de los asistentes.

En otros temas, Dawn Rodríguez, profesora de inglés y de oratoria, resumió a la mesa directiva acerca del proyecto de escritura del santuario Sabal Palms.

El proyecto es el brazo en Brownsville del Proyecto Nacional de Escritura, una red de programas dedicados al mejoramiento en la enseñanza de la escritura.

"[El Proyecto Nacional de Escritura] empezó en 1976 cuando había muy poco desarrollo profesional en



Wayne Moore

enseñar escritura, dijo Rodríguez. "Así que James Gray de la Universidad California-Berkeley estaba trabajando con las escuelas públicas y él conocía a unos pocos buenos maestros por lo que pensó, '¡apuesto a que si los pongo juntos—van a ser maestros excelentes de cualquier manera—y si ellos se reúnen y se enseñan entre sí sus mejores lecciones, van a poder ir a las escuelas y enseñar a sus colegas'. Ellos fueron tan exitosos

que pudieron sobresalir y obtener fideicomisos federales [National Endowment for the Arts] que invita a maestros de diferentes estados a seguir el mismo modelo".

El proyecto de escritura está dedicado a las metas de: —El mejor maestro de maestros es otro maestro.

—La escritura de los estudiantes mejora cuando la instrucción mejora.

—El desarrollo profesional de programas designados a mejorar la enseñanza de la escritura trabaja mejor cuando involucra a maestros de todos los niveles y áreas de enseñanza.

—El cambio puede ser mejor obtenido por maestros locales.

El Comité de la Asociación de Asuntos de Negocios recomendó que la mesa directiva apruebe el presupuesto de \$142,029 para un sistema audiovisual para el Centro Estudiantil

nuevo, del cual el miembro de la mesa directiva David Oliveira dijo es comparable al sistema del SET-B. La mesa directiva aprobó la recomendación.

La mesa directiva también aprobó dos eventos para el auditorio del Jacob Brown en el futuro cercano. La mesa directiva estuvo de acuerdo en pagar \$33,500 por el ballet en hielo "Romeo y Julieta en Hielo" y \$32,000 por una puesta en escena del musical de Broadway "Annie Get Your Gun". Los eventos se presentarán el 5 de marzo y 16 de abril, respectivamente.

Finalmente, la mesa directiva nombró a su controladora Pat Celaya como su agente para entrar en negociaciones de contrato con el administrador de elecciones del Condado de Cameron a conducir servicios de votación durante la votación del distrito el 4 de mayo.

## Proyecto espera mejor Buena Vida para residentes

Por A.D. Rocha

Reportera

La universidad y la ciudad de Brownsville se han asociado en un esfuerzo para revitalizar uno de los más viejos vecindarios, La Buena Vida.

El 31 de enero, oficiales de la universidad y la ciudad anunciaron que han recibido fideicomiso de \$399,000 del departamento federal de Vivienda Pública y Desarrollo Urbano.

"Esta es la primera vez que tenemos un programa de ayuda comunitaria patrocinado por la universidad", dijo el padre Armand Mathew, director del Centro para el Compromiso Cívico. "El fideicomiso es un regalo de diamante del aniversario de diamante de esta universidad".

El Centro para el Compromiso Cívico fue creado para motivar la participación comunitaria, y a través de ésta mejorar otros aspectos deficientes de los

vecindarios.

Al proveer talleres de liderazgo, seminarios de habilidades de desa rollo y oportunidades educativas para la comunidad, el centro espera desarrollar una mejor calidad de vida para los residentes de Buena Vida.

"El fideicomiso se enfoca en tres áreas clave, compromiso cívico, proyecto para el entrenamiento de liderazgo, y revitalización del vecindario Buena Vida", dijo Rodolfo Guerra, coordinador del proyecto.

Mary Jane Rangel, directora de la casa del Buen Vecino, dijo que en sus cuatro años que lleva como directora de la misma, ha estado nutriendo su sueño de mejorar las condiciones de vivienda en este vecindario.

"He compartido esta preocupación con empleados del cabildo de la Ciudad de Brownsville y otras personas", dijo ella. "Este sueño casi se apagó cuando me enteré que aproximadamente

el 80 por ciento de las construcciones en este vecindario eran propiedades rentadas. Es mi esperanza que este fideicomiso proveerá un vehículo para atender la situación de los inquilinos".

Rangel dijo que la Casa del Buen Vecino proveerá el uso de su edificio para el proyecto.

"Este fideicomiso ayudará a que El Buen Vecino de nuevo se concentre en las necesidades de la gente en nuestro vecindario inmediato", dijo Rangel, refiriéndose a la meta original del Buen Vecino de hace casi 50 años de proveer habilidades educativas a mujeres y niños del área, "a través de atender las necesidades básicas de esta comunidad".

La revitalización de los vecindarios involucrará la seguridad pública y las iniciativas de jardinería ornamental que atenderá las preocupaciones de criminalidad y el medio ambiente.

Guerra dijo que las agencias policíacas y los estudiantes, empleados y profesores del departamento de criminología de la universidad ayudarán a los residentes a implementar programas, tal como la vigilancia del vecindario y actividades relacionadas con los jóvenes, que se dirigirán hacia los problemas de seguridad pública y a construir una mejor relación con las autoridades policíacas.

Otros temas de seguridad pública como la maleza en lotes baldíos y edificios abandonados también se tratará a través de la iniciativa de jardinería ornamental, de acuerdo a un comunicado de prensa de la universidad.

Esta parte del fideicomiso promoverá la participación comunitaria para crear un medio ambiente saludable además de embellecer el área. Además de talleres de jardinería y de ornamental, los residentes tendrán acceso a árboles,

arbores y plantas, y un terreno enfrente de la corte federal que ha sido asignado por la ciudad de Brownsville para ser parte de esta estrategia de ornamentalización.

Para motivar el orgullo cívico y promover los aspectos históricos del vecindario, escuelas locales—including la universidad—se organizarán presentaciones orales y se distribuirán videos, pinturas y fotografías.

El trabajo que llevará a cabo estos objetivos será voluntario y como se requiera patrocinado por estipendios. Debido a la participación de la universidad, algunas áreas serán corelacionadas con los objetivos en clase.

También incluyendo la formación del Centro del Compromiso Cívico estuvieron la rectora de UTB/TSC Juliet V. García, la alcaldesa de Brownsville Blanca S. Vela y el provoste y vicedirector de asuntos académicos José Martín.



# Scorpions stumble in openers vs. Laredo, San Jacinto

By Trey Mendez  
Sports Editor

The Scorpion baseball team didn't get off to the type of start they hoped for, losing their first five games of the season to Laredo Community College and San Jacinto College. Scores for the contests were 10-2, 4-3 and 1-0, 10-0 and 12-0, respectively.

The team kicked off its season Jan. 30 in a doubleheader against Laredo in Kingsville. Lopez graduate Julio Ruiz got the start for UTB/TSC and gave up three runs in the first inning. The Scorpions were able to scratch home a run in the bottom of the first when Brian Lopes scored on a wild pitch. The Palominos scored two more runs in the third inning and another two in the top of the fifth to take a 7-1 lead before the Scorpions got one back in the bottom of the sixth on a solo home run by second baseman Alex Rivera to cut the lead to five. Laredo put the game out of reach with three runs in the seventh to win 10-2.

Laredo continued the second game the same way it had left off in the first, scoring a run in the first inning before the Scorpions tied it on a solo home run by center fielder Marcus Townsend in the bottom half. UTB/TSC starting pitcher Justin Sanchez shut the opposition down in the second before giving way to Randy Almaguer, who pitched two scoreless innings. After four full innings, both teams remained locked in a 1-1 tie, but Laredo took a brief 2-1 lead in the top of the fifth. Back-to-back RBI singles from right fielder Chris Moody and catcher Nacho Orea made it 3-2 Scorp. Unfortunately for the Scorpions, their pitching surrendered the lead the very next inning, as Laredo scored two runs off Efran Rivera to

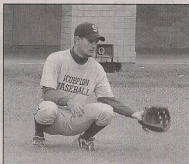
go up 4-3. Despite a lead-off single by Moody in the bottom of the seventh, the Scorpions failed to score any more runs.

Three days later, the Scorpions traveled to San Jacinto College to begin conference play vs. the hometown Gators in a key matchup. The first game was a pitching duel between the Gator pitcher and Scorpion hurler Ruiz. The score remained tied after four and a half innings of play before Laredo struck for a run in the bottom of the fifth. Despite great pitching and having chances to tie or take the lead, the Scorpions could not muster up a rally until the final inning when Efran Cora was thrown out at home for the final out. Ruiz held the Gators to a run and struck out six in a complete game loss, 1-0. Shortstop Brian Lopes and Alex Rivera each went 2 for 3.

After suffering a tough loss, Head Coach Eric Gonzalez said his team was still intent on winning the next two games. "Actually [losing] got the team up because we knew we could beat them," Gonzalez said. "Our defense played great."

The second game of the Saturday doubleheader was close, as UTB/TSC starter Almaguer held the Gators scoreless through three innings before giving way to Mike McCune. The Gators erupted for six runs in the bottom of the fourth to take a 6-0 lead and were able to hold the Scorpions scoreless the rest of the way, scoring four more runs and winning 10-0. Second baseman Aldo Alonzo went 2 for 3 at the plate for the Scorp.

When explaining the furious Gator rally on his pitching staff, Gonzalez said his starting pitcher might have



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**Scorpion pitcher Julio Ruiz warms up last week outside the Garza Gym. Practice was held on the South Lawn and the tennis courts because of rain.**

become a bit tired after starting so strong.

"[Almaguer] was mowing them down through the first few innings before he gave up some walks," Gonzalez said.

The final game of the series took place Feb. 3. Roel Garza took the hill for the Scorpions and promptly shut them down in the first inning.

The score remained tied after an inning and a half, but San Jacinto put six runs on the board in the bottom half of the second and held a 6-0 lead before scoring six more runs in the fourth, fifth and six innings to win 12-0. Ruiz played right field and went 1 for 3 with a stolen base.

After beginning the season

with five straight losses, Gonzalez was not disappointed and thought his team had several chances to win, but squandered them with mental errors.

"We hit the ball but didn't get the key hits," Gonzalez said. "We had runners on base every game."

Scorpion pitching coach Kiki Treviño had no explanation or excuses as to why his staff gave up so many runs in the last couple of games.

"It was just one of those weeks," Treviño said. "They will learn from this and, hopefully, next time it will be a different story."

Despite a rough start, Gonzalez's team will continue to play hard and look forward to the rest of their games.

"My guys aren't disappointed," Gonzalez said. "They know it's early in the season." Gonzalez remains confident that his team will succeed and will be one of the best in the conference.

"I am not worried about anything, because we have an excellent team and we will make the playoffs," Gonzalez said. "We just need to focus."

## Athlete of the Week

By Trey Mendez  
Sports Editor

Name: Roel Garza  
Sport: Baseball  
Position: Pitcher  
Classification: Sophomore  
Major: Criminal Justice  
High School: Raymondville High School

**When did you start to play baseball?** "I started in tee ball when I was about 6 years old."

**Why did you continue to play baseball?** "It kept me out of trouble, it made me a better person and a more disciplined person. It kept me in school and it's paying for my school right now."

**Career Aspirations:** "I hope to one day get picked up [by a major league team] and play as much baseball as I can before I have to go out into the real world and start working for a living. I would like to be a game warden



ALEX RIVERA/COLLEGE

because I love wildlife."

**On being on the mound in a critical game situation:** "I try to focus as much as I can, and clear everything else out of the way. I focus on that situation and work on it as best I can."

**Who is your baseball idol?** "[Boston Red Sox Pitcher] Pedro Martinez. He is not as big as the rest of the other pitchers, but when he throws, he throws his heart out."

## Brief

There will be Intra-mural ping-pong singles competition at 2 p.m. today at the Garza Gym. Call 544-8290 for more information.

## Viewpoint

## Barry White ain't got nothin' on The Rookie

By Alex Rivera  
Columnist

The Rookie comes back to you from a different angle this week. Since Trey "the Meister" Mendez took back his scorecard last week about The Rookie got a little bit of fame, I now have to try to get in the newspaper a different way. So I bring you—The Rookie's Love Tips. It is in honor of Lovie-Dovie Day (aka Valentine's Day). They say love is in the air! Or, perhaps it's a cover-up by the government for the funky smelling air we have.

I should write these tips for both male and female students, but let's get

real girls, the guys are the ones who need the advice. They say Valentine's Day isn't about buying expensive jewelry, huge stuffed toy animals, candy, balloons and flowers, but let's be real girls, if a guy shows up without these things on Valentine's Day he's out of the game.

For guys who don't understand what I mean, simply put, you will be placed on waivers (i.e. let go). The truth of the matter is that women expect us to be romantic at least a few days of the year. For the guys that are out there panicking because they don't know what days I'm talking about, relax. Unlike the women (who are surely laughing at you right now), I will not keep you in the dark, lost and confused. It's easy, these important days are Valentine's Day, anniversaries (there are usually two: the first date and the big one—the wedding), her birthday, and what I like to call the doghouse days are when you do something wrong and you have to be romantic to get in her good graces again. I know what you're saying, "I didn't do anything wrong!" Trust me, we're guys, we always do something wrong even when we don't. One tip is for poorer guys, Lovie-Dovie Day is coming and you might

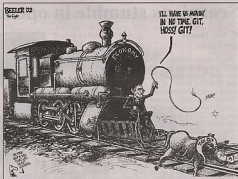
want to take your girl out to dinner. So what is a poor peasant like you supposed to do? Go around town and look for a nice, classy-looking restaurant where you might have a good, romantic time, somewhere where you won't lose an eye when you look at the prices. Hint: Somewhere with drunk bikers is probably not a good place to go unless, of course, your date is covered in tattoos and knows the owners of the joint.

Flowers are a must. If you can't afford the \$60 bouquet, buy a single rose and look pathetic when you give it to her. This works but if you do it every single time the girl will pick up on the fact that you are cheap and will dump you on the spot. For those of you too cheap to buy a single rose, pack one from a neighbor's garden; just make sure that you dust it off and cut the thorns because the last thing you want is a dirty, bleeding date.

Back to the dinner plans. Here's a suggestion: a nice dinner at the Island followed by a stroll on the beach under the stars. Skinny-dipping is optional and is only illegal if you get caught. Contrary to what your friends say, Chuck E. Cheese's is not a good place to take your date, but if she is having too much fun you might want to end the date there before the boys in blue come knockin' on your door. "Bad boys, bad boys, whatcha gonna do, whatcha gonna do when they come for you?"

If you decide to go to a motel, here's some advice: If they charge by the hour or the attendant is packing heat, you might not want to stay there. Be spontaneous and surprise your girl with a picnic under the stars.

I have to go now because there are only three more days to find a date for Valentine's Day. Is anyone interested? I have a cute tush (refer to the picture above). That leaves us three days to find love, people. Let's get loving!



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## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## Relationships 101

## Student wants to shed lack of willpower

By Dr. Mark Goulston  
*Knight Ridder/Tribune  
 News Service*

**Dear Dr. Mark:** I have no willpower. I need to lose 10 pounds but can't stay on a diet. I should exercise but give up after a couple days. I should study longer and harder but can't do that either. Any tips on how to increase my self-discipline?

UNDISCIPLINED AT TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

**Dear Undisciplined:** Try this: Take out a sheet of paper and draw a vertical line down the middle of the page. At the top of the left side, write "Energy-Draining." At the top of the right side, write "Energy-Giving."

Without editing or censoring what you write, list on the left side all the people and situations that drain energy from you. On the right side, list the people or situations that energize you.

Then make a 30-day commitment to minimize your contact with the energy

drainers and maximize your contact with the energy givers.

You will discover one of the main reasons why you and other people lack self-discipline. You will realize that after you have been with an energy drainer, you not only lose the energy to keep up self-discipline, but you reach for whatever will give you a quick fix, be it a carbohydrate or just lying down instead of exercising.

On the other hand, when you are with energy givers, you not only feel energized to stay on your diet or exercise regimen, but you feel inspired to do so.

You might be afraid to do this because your immediate thought might be: "What if everyone and everything is an energy drain?" Chances are, the result of this exercise will not be that extreme, but it may be enough for you to start and stick to the things you want to do to make you feel better about yourself.

Send your questions to Dr. Mark at [mgoulston@aucta.edu](mailto:mgoulston@aucta.edu).

## Voices from Czech Republic



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*The Hradec Kralove Male Choir of the Czech Republic performs at St. Mary's Catholic Church last Tuesday. The choir's selections ranged from "Ascendit Deus," a 16th century piece*

*by Jacob Gallus, to traditional American spirituals and Czech and Moravian folk songs. About 200 people attended the concert sponsored by the Patron of the Arts.*

## A&amp;E Briefs

Border Brass with Marcus Smolensky, viola, and Richard Urbis, piano, will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday at the SET-B Lecture Hall. Admission is \$3.

"Dos Caras del Sur de Tejas," an exhibit featuring works by César A. Martinez and Fine Arts Professor Carlos G. Gómez, will open Feb. 21 at the Historic Brownsville Museum, 641 E. Madison St. The reception is from 6:30-10:30 p.m., with music provided by La Misión.

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# Collegian Love Lines



## Happy Valentine's Day



Marlan,  
I love you more than a brick taco. I'm glad  
God put you in my life and heart.  
—AnnaB

"Ode to an Eschelade"  
Your Valentine cheesiness  
Is so splay, I just  
Want to eat you.  
—Your cheesiness is Glee  
—Garcia

To a Guy in The Collegian:  
I don't know your name, but we always say  
"hi."  
Just wanted to wish you a Happy  
Valentine's Day!

Tina Contreras,  
We miss you. Your presence has not been  
restored.  
You'll be in our hearts forever.  
Waiting to see you soon.  
Miss M + D

Dear Mr. V,  
I hope you reconsider your decision. I  
know you can do better.  
Always Britt!

Julio and Monica,  
Just wanted to thank you for your support  
and help.  
I wish you and your loved ones a Happy  
Valentine's Day!



Ms. D,  
Thanks for everything. You've been a won-  
derful student.  
Happy Valentine's Day!  
O.K. Galt,  
Ms. M.

You are my Princeton, my only  
Princeton.  
You make me happy when skies are gray...  
Happy Valentine's Day!  
Sister Always, D.

Robert Estrella,  
A little something to say we love you:  
Happy Valentine's Day!  
From your daughter and your wife.

Sweetie,  
I may not be waiting, but I'll never let go of  
you.  
I love my Puppy  
Dog. I want to share  
my colors with you.

Lorena Lopez,  
No matter how  
you add it up, you're  
an excellent  
SSSP/ASPIRE math  
nazi.

—Sandra Rubio,  
SSSP/ASPIRE  
Program Director

Jennifer Marquez,  
7 nazi is 2 lives  
tough lives 4 ever  
with you in the  
SSSP/ASPIRE  
—Sandra Rubio,  
SSSP/ASPIRE  
Program Director

Ernesto Valdez,  
The best way to solve a problem is the  
TRY-angle. Keep up the great work with  
SSSP/ASPIRE.  
—Sandra Rubio,  
SSSP/ASPIRE Program Director

Lidia Hernandez:  
As the newest SSSP/ASPIRE math nazi,  
remember, there is strength in numbers.  
Welcome aboard!  
—Sandra Rubio, SSSP/ASPIRE Program  
Director

Alberto Perez,  
No question about it, you fit right in.  
Welcome aboard as an SSSP/ASPIRE  
English nazi.  
—Sandra Rubio, SSSP/ASPIRE Program  
Director

Aldolfo Martinez,  
SSSP/ASPIRE is capitalizing on the fact  
that you're an excellent English nazi.  
Welcome aboard!  
—Sandra Rubio,  
SSSP/ASPIRE Program Director

Hermana Grace,  
Research has shown that you're loved and  
appreciated in the SSSP/ASPIRE.  
—Sandra Rubio,  
SSSP/ASPIRE Program Director

Camelita Gonzalez,  
From one peer to another, we appreciate  
your dedication to the SSSP/ASPIRE peer  
mentoring component.  
—Sandra Rubio,  
SSSP/ASPIRE Program Director

Ana Perez,  
Does it appear as if you're valued as an  
SSSP/ASPIRE peer mentor? Well, you are!  
—Sandra Rubio,  
SSSP/ASPIRE Program Director

Marin Zavala,  
A peer-mentor is  
everything and your  
smile says it all.  
You're valued as an  
SSSP/ASPIRE peer  
mentor.

—Sandra Rubio,  
SSSP/ASPIRE  
Program Director

Dana Longoria,  
Thank you for  
pouring into the  
SSSP/ASPIRE men-  
toring component.  
—Sandra Rubio,  
SSSP/ASPIRE  
Program Director

Selma Fleetwood,  
Whether students  
need to counsel or  
just talk, we are glad that you're our  
SSSP/ASPIRE counselor.  
—Sandra Rubio,  
SSSP/ASPIRE Program Director

Norma Medina,  
SSSP/ASPIRE couldn't function without  
your administrative assistance. Thank you for  
all you do.

—Sandra Rubio,  
SSSP/ASPIRE Program Director

Medina Salinas,  
SSSP/ASPIRE is so-counting on you to  
help us reach students.

—Sandra Rubio,  
SSSP/ASPIRE Program Director

Maria Isabel,  
Your beauty has captured my heart; know-  
ing you is a precious gift, keeping smiling-  
stay beautiful.  
—The Chocolate Man



Israel Hernandez,  
I will always love you, my friend, my coun-  
selor, always my true love.  
Your wife,  
Luz Hernandez

Maria,  
I just want you to know how much I love  
you. I am very grateful to have been able to  
have these few months with you, again.  
Happy Valentine's Day!  
Love,  
Elizabeth

Did you know family happiness can be for-  
ever? Come see how at [www.moment.org](http://www.moment.org).

Hugs and kisses up to 5PM for the best  
CUERO of all, my precious fiancé!  
Happy Valentine's Day!  
Your Pooky Bear  
P.S. Triana chiquita!

Irene Rodriguez,  
You have always been there to support me  
with your love, and in return you have all my  
love. Happy Valentine's  
Day, Sweetie. I love you.  
—Sergio Martinez

